

# Addison School District Newsletter

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## Holiday Cheer on Main Street in Addison



On Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> students from Addison High School filled Main Street with holiday cheer. Art teacher, Mrs. Buchanan, and a group of 11 students spent their day window painting. Storefront owners welcomed students into their businesses to paint storefront windows with Christmas decorations. Five local businesses participated with gusto as they opened their doors to our students and staff. Jamie Hoad, owner of Old, New & Everything in Between, said, “It’s a great opportunity for students to get out in the community and do things like this.” Seeing the teacher and class interacting with our local business owners was heartwarming and joyous. The Addison School District-Community connection is exceptionally rare and special. This activity was a grand success.

The event was initiated during a Board of Education meeting. President Marty Wheeler shared a request that came from local community member Scott Bruce for a class to paint windows in downtown Addison. President Wheeler received tremendous support from the Board to honor this invitation from the community. In a short time, materials were gathered, and Mrs. Buchanan’s instruction was geared to making stencils and teaching the process of window painting. Mrs. Buchanan taught her students how to “paint backwards” as window painting requires you to “reflect” the image for your audience. She also stated that it was an “interesting experience for the students and a great way for them to interact with their community.” Sadly, Mr. Bruce unexpectedly passed away and did not get to see the project that he started to fruition. However, the community will honor Mr. Bruce every time they walk on Main Street and see the beautiful paintings.

The Addison School District was honored to see this request through and would like to thank the following: Mrs. Michelle Buchanan and the Art Students, Creative Images II (Monica Button), Old, New & Everything in Between (Jamie Hoad), Addison Apothecary (John Pagano), Addison Laundry Mat (Tim Hyde) and Wade’s Building Supply (Gene Wade).

By: Reegan Quick & Ava White



**Addison Parade of Lights: Transportation Department Wins First Place**  
The Addison Transportation Department displayed both school and holiday spirit in the Parade of Lights on Saturday, December 9th. Congratulations on first place! Great job to all involved and way to go KNIGHTS!



THE ADDISON CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) WILL HOLD A BUSINESS MEETING ON TUESDAY, January 9th, 2024 AT 6:00 PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA.



Senior Spotlight: Class of 2024

**Aurora J.**  
**Favorite part of high school?**  
Growing up with the same people

**What are your plans after high school?**  
Go to college

**What has been your proudest moment of high school?**  
Going to track state qualifiers

**What has been your favorite class?**  
ACE English

**How has Addison helped contribute to your success thus far?**  
Good teachers



**Julia B.**  
**Favorite part of high school?**  
Attending sporting events

**What are your plans after high school?**  
Go to college at Syracuse

**What has been your proudest moment of high school?**  
Cross country back to back Sectionals

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**  
Working as a sports interviewer

**How has Addison helped contribute to your success thus far?**  
Good education

Course Highlight: Street Law

This year, the history department has taken the opportunity to offer a course named *Street Law*; this course is taught by the 9<sup>th</sup> grade history teacher, Mr. Shelton. It was inspired by his original course, *Law*, which he participated in during his senior year in The Victor School District. Mr. Shelton feels very excited about this opportunity. In his own words, he says the class is “an idea that provides students practical, real-life experiences and knowledge.”

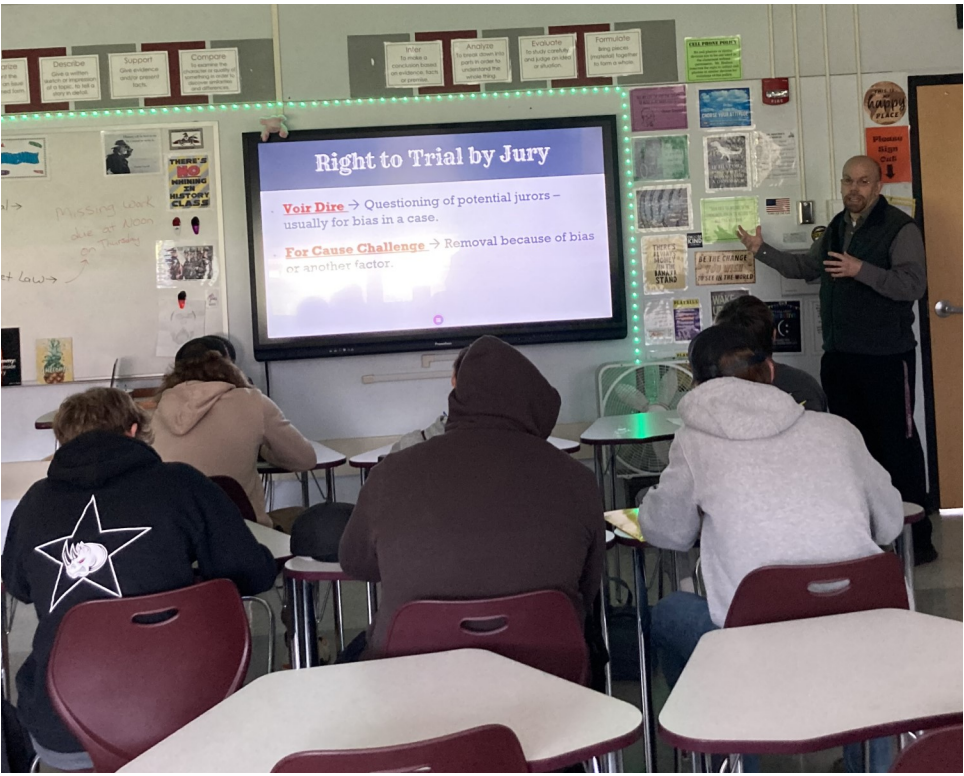
The course was a hit success with Mr. Shelton teaching it for three separate periods. Recently, students finished their mock trial in which fellow colleague, Mr. VanWoert, died a mysterious death and the students had to puzzle it out. Mr. Shelton really wants this course to be a “Hit home course.” He is planning trips and guest speakers that will all bring a variety of skills and experiences to his students.

A major learning goal that Shelton has for the course is to teach students to have a positive relationship with law enforcement: “We’re all going to have those encounters... sadly in our society we see videos of when they go wrong. But there are several interactions a day where they go fine, and it all goes back to your attitude.”

Exposing students to their rights is a major goal for this course. A couple of essential questions that Mr. Shelton proposed for the course are: “What are your rights and what are the limitations of your rights?” This is such an amazing opportunity for students to have now more than ever; it is important to know one’s rights and limitations.

Mr. Shelton would like the community of Addison to know: “My goal is always to make this course better. So I’d always love to hear from members of the community if they can think of any experiences they’ve had... I am always open to hear that. And I just want to thank people for being supportive.” Thank you, Mr. Shelton, for providing this opportunity to students.

By: Bryson Crandall



Getting to Know: Francesco Rossi



Welcome Francesco Rossi from Imola, Italy. Francesco is staying with his host brother Jackson and the Nichols family this year. He didn’t have the highest expectations after looking up our town on the map, but since he has come to Addison, Franny says he enjoys the small-town experience because “you get to know everybody and make friends relatively quick.” He says Addison, in comparison to Imola, is much smaller.

Francesco’s favorite food in the United States is pork chops, and his favorite restaurant is Cracker Barrel. In Italy, Francesco loves to cook with his mom and brother. His favorite dish is tortellini al ragu. While he misses the food, Franny mostly misses his parents, older brother and friends.

In Addison, Franny has played for the varsity soccer team and is currently playing on the varsity basketball team, with basketball being his favorite. Back home, he played basketball year-round. He also enjoys going skiing. Franny says his favorite teachers are Mr. Castle, Mr. VanWoert, and Mrs. Kujawski. He enjoys their classes and the material in them.

A piece of advice that Francesco would give to other foreign exchange students is to keep an open mind with your experience, talk to others, and although it may seem intimidating, don’t be afraid to make friends through school activities.

By: Ava White



Staff Spotlight: Coach Max Young

Coach Young is fairly new to the Addison School District. This is his second year serving as a physical education teacher. He loves the Addison community because of the small size, which allowed him to get to know his students and fellow teachers well. Coach Young would like the Addison community to know that he is passionate about family, athletics, and students being involved in extra-curricular activities. He believes it is through these pathways that students can find opportunities that fit them for the rest of their lives. His goal as a physical education teacher is for students to become lifelong learners and movers. He wants each student to find an activity that they enjoy and can do when they graduate to maintain their own personal fitness and health. He says, “By teaching our students to be goal-oriented individuals, they are likely to be successful in life.”

Coach Young is a graduate of Horseheads High School. He graduated from Corning Community College, SUNY Brockport, and Canisius University. He is happily married to his wife, Kathrin, and they have two boys. Klee is 2 years old and Kallum is 7 months old. He loves spending time with his family. Coach Young and his wife love to shop and go to restaurants. He enjoys golfing and hunting. Coach Young enjoys watching sports. His favorite teams include the Dallas Cowboys and Syracuse Men’s basketball.

Coach Young had a very strong desire to be a physical education teacher. He says that “As an athlete growing up, I had an exceptional cross-country, indoor and outdoor track coach named Tom Jansen. We all called him Coach J. [He] taught life lessons and cared deeply about his athletes and students. Coach J. was on his second liver transplant when he coached me and despite having major surgery, the next day he showed up to practice and coached us. Coach J. would ask questions like ‘Is what you’re doing, getting you what you want?’ He always wanted to make sure people were becoming smarter, stronger, better people that acted out of kindness and from their heart. Through sports, I learned to be a good person and want to continue that message to my students.”

By: Reegan Quick





The Following Tuscarora Students  
Have Reached 100 Steps!

Kindergarten

Glendon B.  
Emma D.  
Chase F.  
Oliver M.  
Braelynn S.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Maddison B.  
Addison C.  
Sailor D.  
Hunter H.  
Parker K.  
Nellie L.  
Josiah S.  
Ariah S.  
Dakota C.  
Gracie L.  
Avery R.  
Jaxon S.  
Augusta T.  
Brynnleigh V.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Torrin D.  
Greyson M.  
Milo B.  
Cooper P.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Matthew B.  
Landen A.  
Elizabeth H.  
Lincoln K.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Leeum B.  
Greyson G.  
Marc S.  
Abygail D.  
Tyrell S.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Emily B.  
Brianna C.  
Braden C.  
Oliver H.  
Sophia K.  
Jaxon M.  
Carter R.  
Kurtis S.  
MaKenna T.  
Charleigh W.  
Abigail F.  
Evelyn H.  
Hunter H.  
Nolan K.  
Andrew M.  
David E.  
Landon R.



Scholarship Info Available

Scholarship Guidance offers a weekly newsletter with information on state and nation wide scholarships available to students. Sign up to receive the newsletter at <https://scholarshipguidance.com/newsletter>.



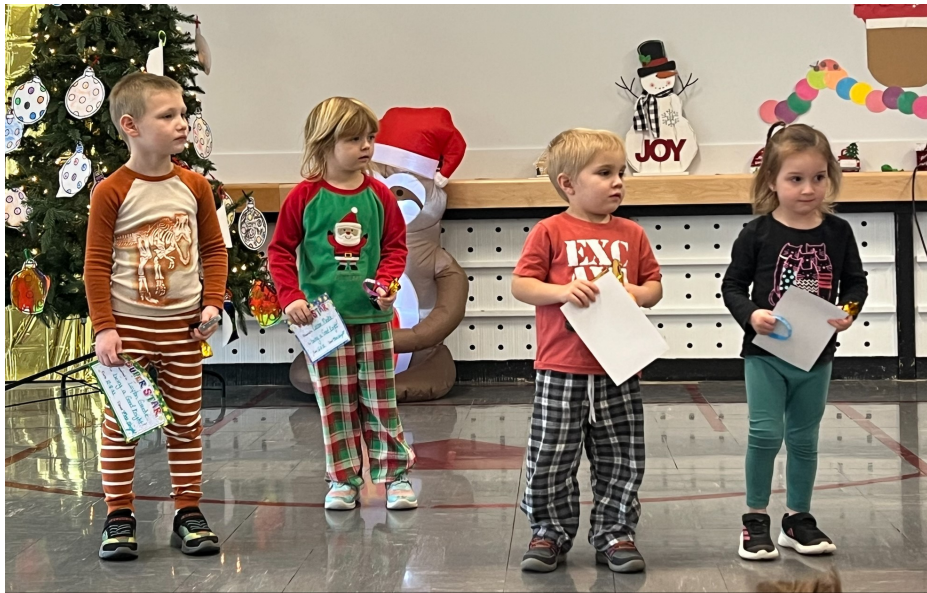
Knights Closet

The National Honor Society sponsors the Knights Closet. This is a place where all students can go if they are in need of clothing items or school supplies. The closet accepts donations of new and gently used items. If you are donating undergarments, please make sure these are new items. With the winter season upon us, if you would like to donate, please consider coats, hats and mittens/gloves. Donations can be dropped off at the High School main office. We encourage any student who may need something to utilize the Knights Closet.



Pajama Day at The Valley Early Childhood School

The Valley School celebrated pajama day on Friday, December 8th. Also, during Knights Know It, Mrs. Wright told the story of “The Grinch” as it was the letter “G” week and the students did a Grinch dance.



Upcoming Winter Weather Season

Although we hope for no inclement weather, we live in New York and that is not going to happen. Bus safety is a critical component to overall school safety as our busses and bus drivers are on the road daily transporting students to and from school, traveling to out of district placements, as well as to extra-curricular/athletic events in the evening. As you know, delaying or closing school is a challenging decision to make. We use all information available (at the time) to make “the call”. We frequently communicate with the county and town and village highway departments to ensure we are making an appropriate decision. With all of this said, below is a brief summary of the various places to access delay/cancellation information, in logical order to do so:

School Closings/Delays/Cancellations:

1. Go to the school district web site: [Addisoncsd.org](http://Addisoncsd.org) – we will announce it there **first** with our on-screen alert (pop up message) on the home page. This is probably the easiest and quickest way to find out any information.
2. Go to the Addison District Facebook page.
3. Watch the local TV news and/or listen to the local radio stations– not always the fastest way to find out this information.
4. Wait for a call from our automated dialer system.

Note that in most cases, the call will be made before 6AM on the morning of the weather event. If the weather is **severe enough**, we will try to call off school the *night before*. We will follow the same protocol as above.

Canceling After School and/or Evening Events:

On the occasion where we have to cancel an after school or evening activity, late bus, and/or athletic event, we will work to make a decision (as soon as possible) and follow the steps above for cancellations.

Please note **#1** - There is never the “right” time of day to make any of these decisions. Much of the decision will be dictated by weather patterns, forecasting possible future weather events, and the advice from those places that we may be travelling to; **This is ALL in the name of safety for everyone!**

Please note **#2** – None of us went to school to be meteorologists, but we pledge to do the best we can with the information that is made available to us at the time, always erring on the side of caution. Remember, there is a delicate balancing act between needing to provide an education (and other related school services and activities) for our students and the monitoring of weather conditions that are inevitable this time of year!

Please note **#3** - The **variations in the weather**, along with changing road conditions, can be very different from school district to school district and even within our own district.

Please Note **#4** - The use of a remote day or two (in late winter/early spring) is always a possibility if we have a challenging winter weather season!

In the event that we have to close school early after everyone is already here on campus, the District will follow our emergency go home early procedures established by your school building or department.

Holiday Hours:

The Addison Central School District will be closed Dec. 22, 25, 29 & Jan. 1 for observation of the holidays.